GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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COMMITTEE ON WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
Satpathy Shri Tathagata

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any committee had been set up to monitor the Watershed Development Programme ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether many States have urged the Government to continue the committee ;

(d) If so, the details thereof, State-wise ;

(e) The response of the Government thereto;

(f) The manner in which the Government propose to meet the establishment cost of staff under the said scheme;

(g) Whether Orissa has requested the Centre to release more funds under the Watershed Programmes in view of drought conditions there; and

(h) If sos the details and funds made available to the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (f) Vigilance & Monitoring Committees under the Chairmanship of Minster

(Rural Development) at State level and the Concerned Member of Parliament at the District level have been set up to review and monitor all Centrally sponsored/Central Sector Rural development programmes including Watershed Development Programmes. These committees operate on a regular basis subject to reconstitution as and when changes occur with respect to elected Members of Parliament/ State Assemblies. However, no specific committee has been set up for monitoring of Watershed Development Programmes separately. All expenditures on the Meetings of these Committees and for making other arrangements are to be booked under DRDA Administration head available with the Districts.

(g) and (h) No such request has been received from Orissa.